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Subject: Conglomerates

Dear Commissioner Powell and members:

I was very disturbed by a report by Bill Moyers on PBS regarding the Conglomerate ownership of Mass Media outlets.

Knowing that the "independent" voice is being squashed by Six "big money owners" who are now basically control the output of News and information in the USA. Of course, most of the viewers. readers and listeners have NO IDEA of the scope of this problem as the Conglomerates feel it is N:T IN THEIR BEST INTEREST to inform us.

Further, I am concerned about the LACK of personnel available at stations lest the same tragedy occur here that did in Minot, ND thanks to Clear Channel's "unmanned station."

I'm not that old, but I DO remember that we used to have Anti-Trust Laws in this country. I seem to remember a time when the owner of Newspapers could not also control the airwaves. I remember a time when SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY was the AIM of most Media Stations, with required News Breaks on AM, etc. I guess the legislation of 1996 threw out the "baby with the bath water.". All that seems to matter now is BOTTOM LINE.

To hear the Executive state they need MORE STATIONS to maintain their "current standard is an utter laugh. They are producing "reality shows" at a FRACTION of what I consider "True" entertainment. So then need MORE STATIONS to distribute LOW COST PROGRAMMING, and produce GREATER Earnings? I don't see how that fulfills the need or mission statement of Serving a community. Perhaps you can explain this to me. And the same executive stated that they needed more Stations to maintain the same level of Sports Coverage. Perhaps this argument works for the feeble minded. As we learned in Business 101, it seems that ADVERTISING is what pays to keep "Free Television- Free." It doesn't take a Rocket Scientist to figure out the astronomical amounts paid for a 15-30 second ad during a major event like Superbowl. etc. are PROFITABLE to the Owners. Face it, if it wasn't profitable, they Would Not Do IT; Would Not Carry Specific Programming, Would not vie to carry specific events. They sure aren't doing it for the goodness of their hearts. In the Rush to make all this money, the losers are the AMERICAN PEOPLE who are given less variety in viewpoints.

As for the "trips" and other perks, I don't care about those AS LONG AS THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION REMEMBER WHO PAYS THEIR SALARIES, I refer to the TAXPAYERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

I urge you and the other members of the Commission to CHANGE the status quo and stop conglomerates like Disney, Time-Warner and etc. from maintaining more than 50% control of ANY Market area.

It's time to bring back the independence and Freedom of Speech we deserve. We are ENTITLED to different viewpoints. We don't need a "Democratic" Government with Media run by a few "Dictators." The NETWORKS and/or Station Owners must be MADE to support, without strings or subversion, PUBLIC TELEVISION and National Public Radio. If for No Other Reason, to provide viewers and listeners a CHOICE of viewpoint, not controlled by the Conglomerates.

Thank You for your time

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